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SUBJECT: SENIOR CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS PLAN TO VISIT UNITED STATES

- 1. ENRIQUE KRAUSS, SEC INTL RELATIONS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC), TOLD ME THAT AFTER AUG 29-31 ODCA (LATIN AMERICAN PARTIES) MEETING IN CURACAO (SEPTEL) HE PLANS TO VISIT US AND HOPES TO MEET WITH YOU. HE WILL TELEPHONE YOU FROM MIAMI SEPT 6 AND EXPECTS TO BE IN WASHINGTON SEPT 11. HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE HIM.
- 2. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL DISCUSSION OF CHILEAN SITUATION AND ROLE OF PDC IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, KRAUSS PLANS TO EXPLAIN PROPOSED TRIP IN OCTOBER OF PDC PRESIDENT PATRICIO AYLWIN TO VARIOUS LATAM COUNTRIES, US, AND WESTERN EUROPE. ACCORDING TO KRAUSS, AYLWIN PRESENTLY FACING A LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE WITHIN PDC, BUT "IT SHOULD BE FAVORABLY RESOLVED BY THEN.".
- 3. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, FORMER PRESIDENT FREI ALSO PLANS
 TO BE IN US ON PRIVATE BUSINESS IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, AND
 KRAUSS SCHEDULE MAY BE SOMEWHAT DEPENDENT ON FREI'S MOVEMENTS.
- 4. COMMENT: PDC LEADERSHIP IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM PDC LEFTWING FOR NOT TAKING FOTHRIGHT AND PUBLIC STANCE IN OPPOSITION TO JUNTA. PDC LEADERS ARE ALSO SERIOUSLY CONCERNED CONFIDENTIAL

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